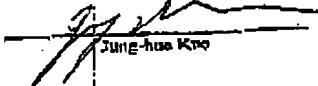


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted:
 Consider the amendment(s)/Reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____.
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a. Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.
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3. Please charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1074 (Order No. 4926 USA ETEC RWM).
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4. Applicant(s) hereby petition for a ____ month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
 5. Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. (50-1074) 50-1074 (Order No. 4926 USA ETEC RWM).

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